

SENATOR SCHMIT: Very well, then Mr. President, I'll entertain a motion and after others have spoken, then I will close.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to bracket the bill. Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, let me explain what you are doing. By bracketing motion, you are moving bills off of the normal order of General File. Now all of us know this process can be used but you are bypassing, literally, dozens and dozens of other bills to bring this one to the top. Now this is a little early to start this game; for those that are new, it gets more exciting as you go when they are clambering to get theirs up. Senator Schmit is very clever and he wants that debated. I'd suggest to you, Senator Schmit, that your timing is wrong. The attempt was good but the timing is bad. The 18th is the day that we have scheduled budget debates. I think that we would be making a serious mistake to consider this piece of legislation prior to the time that we consider the budget and get those out of the way. I anticipate as the Clerk generally says, voluminous amendments to this bill. I would suspect that this bill would be debated 6 or 7 days, maybe 10. Now I think...could I ask Senator Warner a question? Senator Warner...how about the vice-chairman of Appropriations? Senator Bereuter? Senator Bereuter, could I ask you a question?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, go ahead.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: When are the budget bills scheduled for debate?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Budget bills are scheduled for debate beginning next Monday.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Next Monday is what date? Is that the 18th?

SENATOR BEREUTER: 18th, yes.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Thank you. Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Can I respond? They are scheduled at the moment, I talked to Senator Warner yesterday. They are scheduled for debate Monday afternoon. I would assume they are going to take all Monday afternoon as a beginning. So the way the situation is set up now, after you come back at 2:00 on Monday afternoon, you'll be confronted by Appropriations bills.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, due to all those circumstances, and due to the fact that we're starting a process of taking the last bill on General File the minute it hits there and put it up to the top bypassing each and every bill here, I renew my objection and urge you to vote no.

PRESIDENT: Senator Orval Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, beings as Senator Luedtke isn't here, who takes his place? I can't go to his two generals because they seem to be on opposite sides of the battleground. Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes, what would you like to know?